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Grand Knight
Bob Schneider



**Vacations
Make You
Hot ???**



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***New Day & Time
for***

Officer's Meeting

6:30 PM on **1st** Thursday
of the Month

**Come to a
Meeting &
Stay Cool,
Our Hall
is Air
Conditioned**



Odds & Ends

- We are hosting the west side councils Grand Knight Training at our hall on 9-13-07. Training will be by a Supreme Council trainer. Details to follow. Nice honor to show off our hall.
- Our September 15th steak dinner may turn into a pig roast. A first for this council.
- Officers meeting moved to 6:30 August 2nd before

the regular meeting.

- The retreat will be on 11-3-07 Theme we are working on is "Following in their foot steps" Father Leo has graciously accepted to help run.
- Memorial Mass will be said by Father Leo. Location has not been determined.
- Interested in starting a 250 club?
- Br George Drda's grandson Ben Drda is at Notre Dame College and has made the honor roll two times. He also joined the campus K of C Council. Our Scholarship money at work.
- Pavilion will be getting a new concrete floor and face lift. We are saving our dollars to get this project funded. Foundation talked about adding sidewalks from the parking lot to the pavilion also.
- The initiation of officers held on 7-5-07 was heavily attended this year. There were almost 50 people plus ALL of our officers in the small meeting room. Our new DD Jim Lynsky officiated the proceedings. Father Paschal assisted with prayer and a blessing for the newly elected officers. This was the first time in recent years that all new officers were present. Normally people are on vacation this time of year and miss this event.
- New Council Membership Directories are available. Stop by and pick up your copy. (Errors and/or omissions should be reported to Mike Moore at 933-9957

GK Bob

////PLAN TO ATTEND RETREAT AT ////FR ////RAGAN ////COUNCIL

Preliminary plans are in the making for a men ' s retreat at Fr. Ragan Hall on November 3, 2007. Fr Leo De Chant will officiate at this one day event. Plans for Mass following the retreat, that would fulfill your Sunday obligation are also in the works. Save the date and look for further information next month.

August Birthdays

Br. James Rafter	8/1	Br. William Sexton	8/13
Br. Frank Bommer	8/3	PGK Frank Konya Jr.	8/14
Br. Charles Murphy	8/3	Br. Ryan O'Connor	8/14
Br. Delbert Novotny	8/3	Br. Chris Williams	8/15
Br. Ted De Marco	8/4	Br. Mark Hricovec	8/16
Br. Michael Di Massa	8/6	Br. James Pease	8/16
Br. George Drda	8/7	Br. Joseph Wysocki	8/16
Br. Thomas Sullivan	8/8	Br. Owen Haney	8/17
Br. Christopher Conrad	8/10	Br. Timothy Russell	8/17
Br. Gregory Evans	8/10	Br. Aloysius Weimer	8/17
Br. Joseph Swartz	8/10	Br. Nicholas Aquino	8/19
Br. Howard Wells	8/11	Br. Steve Lesko	8/21
PGK James Bruder	8/12	Br. Thomas Barrett	8/22
Br. David Crawford	8/12	Br. Leo Citro	8/23
PFC Robert Schneider III	8/12	Br. Anthony Frank	8/24
Br. Joseph Ertler	8/13	Br. Gerald Tomechko	8/24

Anniversaries

Br. Joseph & Marian	Ertler	4-Aug
Br. Ray & Doris	Linden	5-Aug
Br. Dominic & Margaret	Di Luciano	6-Aug
Br. Jason & Amy	Dreger	8-Aug
GK Bob & Chris	Schneider	10-Aug
Br. Kevin & Noel Marie	Joyce	11-Aug
PGK Cyrus & Mary	Bliss	13-Aug
Br. LaVern & Catherine	Forthofer	16-Aug
Br. Richard & Dr. Paula	Farner	17-Aug
Br. Leonard & Kathy	Gannelli	19-Aug
Br. Jeffrey & Linda	Harmon	20-Aug
Br. Paul & Joyce	Berner	26-Aug
Br. G. Lee & Janice	Diedrick	29-Aug
Br. Mike & Sandy	Moore	29-Aug

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America the Beautiful

The following is a poem attributed to Judge Roy Moore (No Relation) from Alabama. Judge Moore was sued by the ACLU for displaying the Ten Commandments in his courtroom foyer. He has been stripped of his judgeship and now they are trying to strip his right to practice law in Alabama. It is a story about what could happen when good people choose to do nothing.

*America the Beautiful,
or so you used to be.
Land of the Pilgrims' pride;
I'm glad they'll never see.*

*Babies piled in dumpsters,
Abortion on demand,
Oh, sweet land of liberty;
your house is on the sand.*

*Our children wander aimlessly
poisoned by cocaine
choosing to indulge their lusts,
when God has said abstain*

*From sea to shining sea,
our Nation turns away
From the teaching of God's love
and a need to always pray.*

*We've kept God in our temples,
how callous we have grown.
When earth is but His footstool,
and Heaven is His throne.*

*We've voted in a government
that's rotting at the core,
Appointing Godless Judges;
who throw reason out the door,*

*Too soft to place a killer
in a well deserved tomb,
But brave enough to kill a baby
before he leaves the womb*

*You think that God's not angry,
that our land's a moral slum?
How much longer will He wait
before His judgment comes?*

*How are we to face our God,
from Whom we cannot hide?
What then is left for us to do,
but stem this evil tide?*

*If we who are His children,
will humbly turn and pray;
Seek His holy face
and mend our evil way:*

*Then God will hear from Heaven;
and forgive us of our sins,
He'll heal our sickly land
and those who live within.*

*But, America the Beautiful,
if you don't - then you will see,
A sad but Holy God
withdraw His hand from Thee.*

Mark Your Calendars

August 16th 1st Degree Candidate call 7:30PM Degree at 8:00PM

State officers are asking members to dress appropriately when attending the various degrees so as to impress the candidates and reflect the solemnity of the degree. No cut offs, tank tops etc.

September 15th Pig Roast Members are invited to the first ever Council pig roast. (according to the senior members in attendance) This will be a big event with LOTS OF FOOD. Plan to attend and bring your kin, drinking buddies or members of your sewing circle to share that fun and let them see what kind of guys you really hang out with. More details in August Report.

Lazy Days of Summer

Have you ever heard the expression "lazy days of summer?" While the hot weather may encourage a slower paced life, in many ways summer can be the busiest time of the year, especially for parents with school-aged children. And being busy, it's easy to forget about such things as reviewing your life insurance coverage.

The purpose of this column is to encourage you to meet with me before the end of the summer. Whether or not you have life insurance with the Order, I'll be happy to meet with you and make sure your coverage continues to meet your needs and goals. If you've had any life changes since you last bought a policy (new home, new child, new job, etc.), chances are your life insurance needs to be updated. I'll work with you to make sure you have the coverage you need at a price you can afford.

When we meet, you'll discover that the time we spend together will be time well-spent. Let's get together soon. Because summer is not only busy, it's also coming to an end.

Mike Radca - Member of Fr Ragan Council 440-926-3806
Local Insurance Representative

BINGO

It's Hot

It's Humid

Everything is Reruns

Don't sit in front of the TV drinking beer come on down to the hall on Wednesday & Friday Nights to:

1. Help out at Bingo—Anyone who can walk & talk can do it and talking is optional **OR**
2. Grab your wallet and come down to play in air conditioned comfort

August 07						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 29 St Joe's Antheist Quarterly Communion Noon 	30	31	August 1 St Mary's Bingo 	6:30 PM Officers Meeting New Time & Date 8:00 PM Fr Ragan Business Meeting	Fr Ragan Bingo 	4
The "FEST" at Borromeo Seminary 	6	7	8 St Mary's Bingo 	7:30 PM Fr Ragan Charitable Trust Meeting	Fr Ragan Bingo 	11
12	13	14 No Meeting MAKING TIME FOR  Isabella Guild	15 St Mary's Bingo ASSUMPTION  	8:00 PM Fr Ragan Social Meeting 1ST Degree Candidates 7:30PM Degree 8:00PM	Fr Ragan Bingo 	18
19	20	21 Lt. McManus Assy 4th Degree Meeting Lorain 8:00 PM 	22 St Mary's Bingo 	Charitable Foundation Special Distribution Meeting 7:30 PM	Fr Ragan Bingo 	25
26	27	28	29 St Mary's Bingo 	30	Fr Ragan Bingo 	September 1

COMMITMENT

Charity-Unity-Fraternity-Patriotism

As a group of Catholic Gentlemen, the Knights of Columbus are looked to for many things. We support and serve our Church, our Communities, Brother Knights, and Others in Distress. We rely on the volunteerism and commitment of our members to enable us to help these groups.

It is a credit to those many new members who have hit the road running. They have jumped in and helped at various council functions, attended meetings regularly and in some cases joined the ranks of Council Officers. These men have made the commitment and we are grateful to them.

Also to be commended are the veterans. These are the men that joined the Knights in 1896, or something like that, and are seen at every event, at most meetings and are always available for that special project that needs to be done. Our eternal thanks are due these men.

There is no question that these individuals have made the commitment and lived up to it. What needs to be asked is: "What about the commitment of the other three hundred or so "members" of Father Ragan Council?"

The following is an excerpt of Fr. Tim O'Connor's (Pastor St Joseph Avon Lake) homily of July 1, 2007 and is used with his permission.

"A writer had this to say: With thumb in the air, a hitchhiker says, "You furnish the car and the gas, attend to the upkeep and supply the insurance, and I'll ride with you. But if you have an accident we me in the car, I'll sue the pants off you." The writer goes on to say:

That sounds a little one sided, but one wonders how many hitchhikers there are in many organizations, even in the Church. Many people seem to say, "You go to the meetings and serve on the committees. You do the paperwork. You study the issues and take care of everything that needs to be done-including paying for it. Then I'll be happy to go along for the ride. But if things don't suit my fancy, I will complain and criticize and belly-ache. And I'll probably hitchhike to another group that I think I might like better"...

I ask you today, as I ask myself, how committed, how loyal am I to my... (Council)? Are you committed to the journey? Or are you simply going along for the ride?

Understanding that due to other commitments, family obligations or physical limitations, some cannot at this time participate in all events. What about helping out one night a month at bingo or helping with one of the annual events such as the steak fry, clam bake, senior dinner, Children's Christmas party etc.

I was told when I first joined the Knights back in 1966, "The more you put into your council, the more you get out of your council. This is as true now as it was in 1966.

Time Change

New Date & Time of Officer Meetings

In an effort to streamline operations and provide for a more effective implementation of all projects and events at Father Ragan Council, the officers meeting, previously held on the 4th Thursday of the month, has moved to 6:30 PM on the 1st Thursday of the month, before the business meeting.

Charitable Foundation News

Officers Elected for the 2007-2008 Year

President	PGK Vic Sedevic	Trustee	GK Bob Schneider
Vice Pres	John Hricovec	Trustee	PGK Ken O'Connor
Treasurer	Bob Booth	Trustee	PGK Jim Bruder
Secretary	Mike Moore		

Plans are in the works to pour a new slab for our pavilion and install sidewalks from the parking lot to the pavilion for easy access.

Special Distribution Meeting Scheduled

A special Foundation Meeting will be held on August 23rd at

**There is no such thing as try,
only do & don't do.**

Yoda

Fr. Leo's Ready to Boogie

Well maybe not boogie but at least return to a portion of his normal tasks. This is after he had a complete knee replacement last month. With the help of therapists who "encourage" him in his exercise regimen, he is making good progress.

Working with the therapist he now knows how the kids at St



Isabella Guild

of Father Ragan Council No. 3269 Knights of Columbus

.Summer Reminders—Your new officers are Co-Presidents Bobbie Bruder and Marilyn Misencik, Vice President Helen Lowe, Treasurer Pat Christ, and Secretary Sandy Moore. The Trustees are Mary Jane Morog and Mary Bliss. Committee Chairs are Ruth Uszak- double duty as Spiritual and Sunshine, Chris Schneider and Betty Weimar will work together for Programs, and Mary Bliss will handle Publicity.

These Officers and Chairmen can only succeed if they have volunteers to make a Committee. You are all needed to participate, and there are few things that make you feel better than knowing that you are working together to help others. Bring a friend. She will thank you for it!

Meetings will resume on September 11 at 7 pm. We will have Entertainment Books (\$25.00 ea) so line up potential sales and pick up the books on the 11th. Betty Reick & Simmie DiLuciano are co-chairs. There is a lot of outside competition for sales of the book. Many groups and individuals sell them. Let's get a jump on possible sales by making contacts as early as possible. Tea Party Tickets (See ad next page) will also be on sale that night. Call Sandy Moore or Pat Christ for more info

Hope to see you there!

Isabella Birthdays

Delores Moran August 24

**Lt. Francis J. Mc
Manus Assembly**



**Fourth Degree
Turnouts and
Notes**

*There are no
scheduled turn-*



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